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NEW
BOOKLET

PARTS 1, 2 & 3

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Work

1. Do you work or are you a student?
2. What do you like about your work?
3. What has changed at your work since you started?
4. Do you like to work in the morning or afternoon?

Where you Live

1. Did you like the house you grew up in?
2. What was your favourite area of the house you grew up in?
3. How do you want to live in the future?

Studying

1. Are you studying or working?
2. Do you prefer to learn in the morning or in the evening?
3. What subject do like to study best?

Studying

1. Do you work or study?
2. Why are you studying English?
3. What will you do after graduating university?

Running

1. Do you like running?
2. When was the last time you went for a run?
3. Do you like to watch running competitions on TV?
4. Is your hometown a good place for running?

Numbers

1. Do you have a favourite number?
2. Will you use numbers at work in the future?
3. Were you good at math when you were younger?
4. Do you think numbers are important?

Discussions

1. What do you usually discuss with friends?
2. How often do you change your mind after a discussion?
3. What kind of discussions did you have as a kid?
4. Do you listen to talk more in a discussion?

Sweets

1. Do you like sweets?
2. What kind of sweet foods are popular in your country?

Judging

1. Do you judge people by how they look?
2. What do you do if someone does not like you?

Age

1. Do you like your current age?
2. What was the biggest decision you made in your life?
3. At what age are people happiest?

Fishing

1. Do like fishing?
2. Where do you usually fish?
3. Do you prefer to eat fish or meat?
4. Have you ever had a fish as a pet?

Buying

1. Which item do you buy the most?
2. Do you care about the price when buying an item?
3. What was the last thing you bought?
4. Are good products always expensive?

Staying up Late

1. Do you often stay up late?
2. Is it easy to wake up in the morning if you stay up late?
3. Did you stay up late often when you were younger?
4. What do you usually do when you stay up late?

Friends

1. Do you talk about yourself to your friends?
2. Do you like to listen or talk with your friends?
3. Do you often change your mind about your friends?
4. Is it important to have friends?

Laughing

1. Do you like making other people laugh?
2. When was the last time you laughed with friends?
3. Is it important for people to laugh at the same things?
4. Are there a lot of funny shows in your country?

Borrowing

1. Do you often borrow books?
2. Is there anything that cannot be lent?
3. Have you borrowed money from a friend?
4. Have you ever lent your smartphone to someone?

Parks

1. Are there any parks near your home?
2. What do you do when you go to the park?
3. Do you often go to parks?
4. Is it common for people in your country to go to parks?

History

1. Do you like reading books about history?
2. Which country's history is most interesting to you?
3. Which historical event or period do you find most interesting?
4. Why is it important to read about history?

Art

1. Have you ever been to an art gallery?
2. Would you like to learn more about art?
3. Do you hang any art in your home?
4. Do people in your country enjoy making art?

Scenery

1. Are there many places in your hometown to see nice scenery?
2. When you travel, do you stay in rooms with good views?
3. Would you like to live in a house with beautiful scenery around it?
4. Why do people like taking pictures of the scenery?

Taking Breaks

1. Do you take breaks from your work?
2. Do you prefer several short breaks or one long break?

3. Did you take a lot of breaks when you were younger?
4. Is it common for people in your country to take breaks?

Spending Time Alone

1. Do you spend a lot of time by yourself?
2. What do you usually do when you're by yourself?
3. Do you prefer spending time alone or with your friends?
4. Is it important to have time for yourself?

Voice

1. Do you like your voice?
2. Has your voice changed much since you were younger?
3. Does anyone in your family have a similar voice?
4. Have you ever listened to a recording of your voice?

Work

1. Why did you choose your job?
2. How much work do you do in a week?
3. Do you have to work on weekends as well?

Science

1. Do you like science?
2. Did you learn about science in primary school?
3. How often do you read about science?
4. Why is science important to learn about?

Tidiness

1. Are you a tidy person?
2. Are you more tidy at home or at school?
3. Were you tidy as a child?
4. Are people in your country very tidy?

Stranger

1. Do you often talk to strangers?
2. Is it difficult to tell a story to a stranger?
3. Are you afraid of strangers judging you?
4. Do people in your country often talk to strangers?

Baking

1. Did you learn to bake as a child?
2. Do you bake often?
3. What foods are baked in your country?
4. Is baking popular in your country?

Where you Live

1. Have you lived for a long time in your current city?
2. What kind of a home are you living in?
3. How could your living area be improved?

Where you Live

1. Where do you live at the moment?
2. What do you like about your neighborhood?
3. Are there any parks where you live?

Work

1. Do you work or study?
2. Do you like the place where you work?
3. What would make your work more interesting?

Cakes (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you like cakes?
2. Have you ever baked a cake?
3. How often do you eat cakes?
4. Are cakes popular in your country?

Pens/Pencils (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you like to use pens or pencils?
2. When was the last time you bought a pen or pencil?
3. How would you feel if someone gave you pen as a gift?
4. Are pens or pencils more common in schools in your country?

Walking (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you go places on foot a lot?
2. Did you walk more when you were younger?
3. Why do some people prefer walking to driving a car?
4. Do people in your country walk a lot?

Books (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you like reading books?
2. What kind of books do you like most?
3. What sort of books did you read as a child?
4. Is it important to read?

Countryside (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you like going to the countryside?
2. What do you like to do there?
3. Have you ever lived in the countryside?
4. Would you like to live in the countryside in the future?

Friends (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you think you are a good friend?
2. Do you still have some friends from your childhood?
3. Has the types of friends you make changed a lot?
4. What makes a good friend?

Jeans (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you like to wear jeans?
2. How often do you wear jeans?
3. Did you used to wear jeans when you were younger?
4. What did you like about jeans?

Wildlife (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Have you ever seen a wild animal?
2. What is your favourite wild animal?
3. How do you feel when you see animals at the zoo?
4. What is the importance of animals to children?

Haircuts (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you often change your hair style?
2. Do you enjoy going to the barbershop?
3. What kind of haircuts did you get as a kid?
4. Do people in your country get a lot of haircuts?

Public Holidays (NEW BOOKLET)

1. What public holidays do you celebrate in your country?
2. Which public holiday do you like the most?

3. What do you do during that holiday?
4. Do you think there should be more public holidays in your country?

Emails (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you communicate via emails?
2. Do you prefer getting texts or emails?
3. Have you ever received an email that made you happy?
4. Is email popular in your country?

Playing (NEW BOOKLET)

1. When you were a child, where did you like to play?
2. Did you prefer playing indoors or outdoors?
3. What kinds of games did you play?
4. Do kids benefit more from playing outside?

Coffee or Tea

1. Do you drink coffee or tea?
2. When did you last drink coffee or tea?
3. Is coffee or tea more popular in your country?
4. Which would you offer to visitors who came to your home?

Relatives

1. Are your relatives or friends more important to you?
2. When did you last see your relatives?
3. How do you spend time with your relatives?
4. Are people in your country usually close with their relatives?

Pets

1. Have you ever had a pet?
2. What kind of pets do people like to have?
3. What kinds of pets are common in your country?
4. Do many people in your country have pets?

Study

1. What is your major?
2. Do you like it?
3. Why did you choose that major?
4. Which major would you want to change it to?

Seasons

1. Which season do you like the most?
2. Is it better to live in a place with 4 seasons or just 1?
3. What is the weather like in your city?
4. How do people in your country deal with bad weather?

Teachers

1. Did you ever want to be a teacher?
2. Which teacher do you remember best?
3. What did you like most about your teachers?
4. Do teachers remember their students in your country?

Crowded Places

1. Which places in your city are crowded?
2. Why are those places so crowded?
3. How do you feel in crowded places?
4. Have you ever felt comfortable in a very crowded place?

Film/Movie Star

1. Who is your favourite film star?
2. Would you like to be a film star?
3. Have you ever met a film star in person?
4. Are film stars popular in your country?

Perfume

1. Do you like perfume?
2. Do you use perfume?
3. Would you ever give perfume as a gift?
4. Do people in your country often wear perfume?

Cinema

1. Do you often go to the cinema?
2. What kinds of movies do you like to watch?
3. Did you like to go to the cinema when you were a child?
4. Do you prefer to go alone or with friends?

Morning Routine

1. What is your morning routine?
2. How is your routine different from when you were a child?

3. What would you like to change about your current routine?
4. What is a typical morning routine like for people in your country?

Travelling

1. Do you like travelling?
2. What is the most beautiful country you have visited?
3. Would you like to have a job that demands travelling to other countries?
4. What problems can occur when travelling?

Cooking

1. Do you like to cook?
2. Why do some people like cooking?
3. Do you usually eat at home or eat out?
4. What do people in your country usually cook?

Sunglasses

1. Do you like sunglasses?
2. How often do you wear sunglasses?
3. Would you give sunglasses as a gift?
4. Is it worth it to spend a lot of money on sunglasses?

Music

1. Do you like music?
2. Which types of music do you like?
3. Would you like to learn a musical instrument?
4. Do you prefer listening to music by yourself or with someone else?

Plants

1. Do you like plants?
2. When you were a child, did you like plants?
3. Have you ever received a plant as a gift?
4. Where can you learn about growing plants from?

Boredom

1. How often do you get bored?
2. What activity do you do when you are bored?
3. Do you get bored more now compared to when you were younger?
4. How do most people in your country deal with boredom?

Colors

1. What is your favourite color?
2. What color do you think is good for rooms?
3. Do you prefer light or dark colors?
4. What colors do people in your country like to wear?

Sharing

1. What kinds of things do you share with friends?
2. Did your parents encourage you to share?
3. Is there anything you would not share?
4. Are people in your country in the habit of sharing a lot?

Water

1. Do you drink a lot of water?
2. Do you prefer bottled or tap water?
3. Did you drink a lot of water when you were younger?
4. Would you say that bottled water is expensive in your country?

Skies

1. Do you often look at the sky?
2. Do you prefer to look at the sky during the day or at night?
3. Have you ever taken a course about stars?
4. Where is the best view of the sky where you live?

Shoes

1. Do you prefer to wear shoes that are comfortable or fashionable?
2. Do you buy many shoes?
3. How many pairs of shoes do you have?
4. What is your favourite pair of shoes?

Handwriting

1. Do you have good handwriting?
2. How did you learn your handwriting?
3. Do you like receiving hand-written letters?
4. How important is handwriting in your country?

Reading

1. Do you like to read?
2. When do you usually read?

3. Did you like to read when you were younger?
4. Do people read less today?

Food

1. What kinds of foods do you like to eat?
2. How different is food in your country today from when you were younger?
3. Which foods do you dislike?
4. What foods do people in your country buy at the market?

Drawing

1. Do you like drawing?
2. Which types of drawings do you like?
3. Would you like to decorate your room with paintings?
4. Have you ever learned about drawing in school?

Smiling

1. When do you usually smile?
2. How can you identify a fake smile?
3. When was the last time you saw a bunch of people smiling?
4. Do you often smile when taking photos?

Street Markets

1. Do you like street markets?
2. What's the difference between street markets and supermarkets?
3. Would you prefer a street market or a supermarket in a foreign country?
4. How popular are street markets in your country?

Rubbish/Garbage/Litter

1. How do you react when you see litter on the streets?
2. Do you recycle?
3. How do you help keep the streets tidy?
4. What would you do if someone else dropped some litter?

Mathematics

1. Do you like mathematics?
2. Did you take mathematics lessons?
3. How do math skills come in handy in daily life?
4. Have you ever used an electronic calculator?

Sleep

1. How much do you sleep every night?
2. Do you think it's a good idea to have a nap during the day?
3. Did you sleep more in the past than you do now?
4. Do you think old people need more sleep than young people?

Sport

1. What sport do you like?
2. Do you prefer team or individual sports?
3. Who is your favourite sports star?
4. What is the most popular sport in your country?

Cards and invitations

1. Do you often send cards?
2. On what occasions do you send cards?
3. Do you prefer to receive cards or emails?
4. Is sending cards common in your country?

Speaking Part 2 – Describe a.../ Talk about a...

- friend who is a good leader (New Booklet)
- time you felt surprised to meet someone (New Booklet)
- person on the news you would like to meet (New Booklet)
- road trip you went on (New Booklet)
- time you enjoyed yourself in a group (New Booklet)
- skill you want to learn that is difficult (New Booklet)
- time you could not use your phone (New Booklet)
- old person you know and respect (New Booklet)
- time you felt bored when you were with other people (New Booklet)
- city you want to go back to visit (New Booklet)
- time someone apologised to you (New Booklet)
- program or app that is useful for you (New Booklet)
- important journey that was delayed (New Booklet)
- time you helped a relative (New Booklet)
- exciting event you attended (New Booklet)
- item you bought and had difficulty using the first time (New Booklet)
- skill you learned recently at work (New Booklet)
- dinner you attended (New Booklet)
- movie you would like to discuss with your friends (New Booklet)
- time you felt bored (New Booklet)
- time the weather changed your plans (New Booklet)
- place you would like to live in the future (New Booklet)
- skill that you were taught (New Booklet)
- recent purchase (New Booklet)
- place you often go to read or write (New Booklet)
- time you managed to achieve a goal (New Booklet)
- time you celebrated an achievement (New Booklet)
- public building that you would like to visit (New Booklet)
- skill that you recently learned (New Booklet)
- change you would like to see made in your local area (New Booklet)
- person in the news you want to meet in person (New Booklet)
- childhood toy (New Booklet)
- small but successful company that you know (New Booklet)
- goal that you set for yourself (New Booklet)
- job you would not like to do (New Booklet)

- product made in your hometown (New Booklet)
- person who motivated you to achieve a goal (New Booklet)
- performance that you have been to (New Booklet)
- time when you wore a uniform (New Booklet)
- happiest day in your life (New Booklet)
- beautiful sky that you observed (New Booklet)
- time you received advice regarding a profession or field of study (New Booklet)
- event you recently attended (New Booklet)
- time that you took a long time to think of a gift idea (New Booklet)
- important conversation that you had (New Booklet)
- time you apologised to someone (New Booklet)
- situation where you didn't tell a friend the truth (New Booklet)
- picture or photograph that you have hanging up in your home (New Booklet)
- time you offered to help a friend (New Booklet)
- colorful play that you visited (New Booklet)
- famous product from your region of your country (New Booklet)
- time when you used the internet to solve a problem (New Booklet)
- movie that you would recommend to your friends (New Booklet)
- time when you met someone again after a long time not seeing them (New Booklet)
- person you know who travels a lot by plane (New Booklet)
- something that technology has helped you to achieve (New Booklet)
- trip with your friends that you enjoyed a lot
- famous person from another country you would like to meet
- quiz or game show
- language other than English that you would like to learn
- item you brought to your family or friends after a trip
- time the internet helped you in your work or study
- person that you have not met face to face but have talked to on the phone
- someone you know hid the truth from you
- person from work or a friend who helped you in your life or career
- important event in your country
- time you invited a friend to eat a meal with you
- water sport that you want to try
- favorite band or singer
- garden or park in your town or city
- something that is good for your health

- time you gave advice to someone else
- effigy in your town
- prize that you would like to win
- gift you presented to a friend on a special occasion
- market in your city
- time when your vehicle broke down
- time that you received a telemarketing phone call in public
- time when you had to change your plans
- time you received false information
- time when you found something that you lost
- lecture that you attended
- building that you like
- comedy that made you laugh
- person who you would like to meet
- recent development in your city
- website that you use frequently
- teacher that you liked
- subject you did not enjoy
- poisonous plant you know
- interesting place in your country
- activity that you do when you are alone
- family business that you know
- person you wanted to be like when you were growing up
- subject you did not like at school but are interested in now
- classmate influenced you deeply
- time you had to ask someone for advice regarding a decision
- problem that you had with a piece of equipment
- talkative person you know
- person who can speak another language well
- time that you heard a person you didn't know on their phone
- sport that you played in your childhood
- something you borrowed from a friend or family member
- special date in your country's history
- job that your grandparents did
- place where you would like to travel
- advertisement you watched and will not forget

- game you enjoyed playing when you were younger
- something you bought but never use
- book you recently read
- intelligent person that you know
- person who helps other people
- good law in your country
- time you wanted to do something but didn't have the time
- time when you didn't tell the complete truth
- handsome or beautiful person you have met
- person you know who is doing something to help the environment
- place where you can study indoors or outdoors
- family event that you attended
- searched for something on the internet
- person that you encouraged to accomplish something
- piece of clothing that you really like
- typical food that is eaten at special events in your country
- time when you received bad service
- ideal house to live in
- thing that helps you get started working or studying
- time when you got up very early in the morning
- practical skill that you learned
- book that you read recently
- city that you think is beautiful
- time when you intended to do something but did not have enough time
- outdoor sport that you would like to try
- interesting old person you know
- time when you felt proud of a friend

Speaking Part 3

Food (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do people in your country often eat together?
2. Why are family meals less common today?
3. Is this a positive or negative development?
4. Are there any holidays in your country centred around food?
5. Are international foods a threat to the traditional culture of your country?

Smartphones (NEW BOOKLET)

1. When should parents allow their children to have a phone?
2. Are there any places in your country where phones are not allowed?
3. How can phones be disruptive sometimes?
4. Do people in your country often switch off their phones?
5. Are people often impolite with their phone use?

Helping (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Should developed countries help developing countries?
2. What kind of help is best to provide?
3. Can help be harmful in some cases?
4. How should parents help their children?
5. Are there any advantages to not helping someone?

Setting Goals (NEW BOOKLET)

1. How important is it for people to set goals?
2. Do people set different goals at different stages of life?
3. Are personal goals more important than professional goals?
4. What sort of goals do young people today set?
5. Are people becoming more pessimistic about their life goals?

Stars/Space (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do people in your country often look at the stars?
2. Why is it important to explore space?
3. How can learning about space impact the daily lives of people?
4. Will we find life on other planets?
5. When will humans live on other planets?

Weather (NEW BOOKLET)

1. What kind of effect does the weather have on farmers?
2. Are there many weather related problems in your country?
3. Does weather have a large impact on people's moods?
4. What can be done to deal with bad weather?
5. How is climate change impacting the weather?

Public Speaking (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Why is public speaking important?
2. What qualities make someone a good public speaker?
3. What kind of people are usually asked to do public speaking?
4. Has the way that people speak in public changed much?
5. Why are people so scared of public speaking?

Celebrations (NEW BOOKLET)

1. What kind of celebrations are common in your country?
2. How much do people typically spend on their wedding?
3. Are there big differences between the way that young and old people celebrate their birthdays?
4. Do all people in your country take part in the same celebrations?
5. What is the importance of national holiday?

Borrowing (NEW BOOKLET)

1. What kind of celebrations are common in your country?
2. Is patriotism a kind of celebration?
3. Why do people care so much about national sports teams?
4. Do all people in your country take part in the same celebrations?
5. How has the ways people celebrate changed?

Environment (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Why do people throw rubbish the streets?
2. How can people be encouraged to not litter?
3. What are the results of littering?
4. What steps has your government taken to make people pick up after themselves?
5. Do the efforts of a single person have an impact on the world as a whole?

Friendship (NEW BOOKLET)

1. How do young people usually find friends in your country?
2. What makes a good friend?

3. How long does it take to develop a close friendship?
4. How important is listening to friendship?
5. Is it more important to find new friends or stay in touch with old friends?

Careers (NEW BOOKLET)

1. What are the most common professions among young people today?
2. What influences young people in their choice of career?
3. Should young people follow their role models?
4. Should the age of retirement be raised?
5. How can people still contribute to society after retiring?

Lying (NEW BOOKLET)

1. In which situations is it ok to lie to friends?
2. Why do some people feel comfortable telling strangers the truth but not friends?
3. Do politicians have to lie?
4. How should politicians who have been caught lying be punished?
5. Is lying common in your country?

Art (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Should kids be taught art from a young age?
2. Is it important for all people to get the opportunity to make art?
3. Should art be sold or kept in museums for the public to see?
4. Why is art sold for such large sums of money?
5. What is the attitude to art in your country?

Airports (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Is it a difficult job to work at an airport?
2. Why do airports tend to get larger in size?
3. What makes travelling by air such a popular form of transport?
4. What are the advantages of travelling by plane?
5. What are the disadvantages of plane travel?

Happy Occasions (NEW BOOKLET)

1. How do people in your country celebrate happy occasions?
2. Why do occasions usually make people happy?
3. How important is the money spent on the occasion for making people happy?
4. Is it a good idea to spend a lot of money on a birthday party?
5. Is happiness today the same as it was in the past?

The Film Industry (NEW BOOKLET)

1. Do you think actors should make as much money as they do?
2. What makes a good actor?
3. How can a film benefit the country where it is made?
4. Should countries invest more in their film industry?
5. Do people usually like the same genres in your country?

Leadership

1. What makes someone a good leader?
2. Are there differences between male and female leaders?
3. What makes for a bad leader?
4. Is it important for leaders to be decisive?
5. Have leadership qualities changed much over time?

Speaking and Listening

1. What is the difference between a good speaker and listener?
2. How can someone be a good listener?
3. Is it more important to be good at listening or speaking?
4. Why are some people not good listeners?
5. How important is listening to political leaders?

School Subjects

1. What courses or subjects do you think will be added into high schools?
2. What courses or subjects will be helpful in future work?
3. Is it more effective to read online than in a book?
4. What do students do after school in your country?
5. Do you think students should choose subjects they like?

The Internet

1. How often do most people use the internet?
2. Are there drawbacks to its overuse?
3. What kind of information can people find online?
4. How has this changed the way that people get their information?
5. How will the internet change society in the future?

Language

1. Can learning a language help you understand more about a culture?
2. Why is it so difficult to learn a new language?

3. How will language learning change in the future?
4. Should governments invest more in second language learning in schools?
5. What are the benefits of learning another language for your country?

Study Focus

1. Why do some people study badly?
2. Is it a good idea to have a firm plan when studying?
3. Why are many girls better at concentrating?
4. Is it better to study online or in a classroom?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying in a group?

Making Plans

1. How do people usually make plans?
2. Should you get advice when making plans?
3. Who is the best advisor for big plans?
4. What plans do governments have to make?
5. How important is the public in helping governments to make plans?

Phones in Public

1. Why do people talk on their phones on public transport?
2. Is it common in your country?
3. Is silence valued in your city?
4. Why do some people have trouble staying silent?
5. Is there too much noise from technology today?

Friends

1. What can we learn from making new friends?
2. How important is it to have a social life?
3. Why is having good friends important?
4. What role do friends play in your life as you get older?
5. Do most people share both good and bad experiences with their friends?

Motivation

1. How can children be motivated to achieve their goals?
2. Who is more responsible – parents or teachers?
3. Is it always necessary to set goals to motivate children?
4. What motivates adults?
5. Why are some people seemingly much more motivated than others?

Gardens

1. Do people in your country usually have gardens in their homes?
2. Which age group visits gardens the most?
3. Is it good for people to take care of a garden?
4. Why do people grow their own plants at home sometimes?
5. Is it common for people in your country to grow fruits and vegetables at home?

Outdoor Sports

1. What are the benefits of doing an outdoor sport?
2. Why do some people enjoy doing dangerous sports?
3. Why were dangerous sports created at all?
4. Is it better to do outdoor sports in groups?
5. Do both old and young people enjoy outdoor sport?

Public Transportation

1. Do old or young people use public transportation more?
2. What are the drawbacks of private vehicles?
3. How could public transportation be improved?
4. Should city planners consider public transport when designing cities?
5. What can the government do to improve public transport outside of urban areas?

Looking up to People

1. Do you think kids today grow up differently than in the past?
2. Are famous people good examples for children?
3. What can children learn from bad examples?
4. Should companies use celebrities to advertise their products?
5. Do people really trust celebrity endorsed products?

Competition

1. How helpful is competition for children?
2. Is it good to have a competitive attitude?
3. How are the attitudes of professionals and amateurs different?
4. How are children awarded competition prizes in your country?
5. What are the adverse effects of competition on children?

Law

1. Who is most responsible for enforcing the law?
2. Which international laws are you familiar with?

3. Why do you think law is important?
4. Should laws be more universal?
5. What is the relationship between law and justice?

Health

1. How can people improve their physical health?
2. What about their mental health?
3. In what ways can teachers encourage students to do sports?
4. What is the role of doctors in raising health awareness?
5. Can social media also play a role?

Individuals and the Environment

1. What are the main environmental problems we face today?
2. What can individuals do to protect the environment?
3. How much do politicians in your country care about the environment?
4. Should nations work together to protect the environment?
5. What are the roadblocks to this?

Old People

1. What are the advantages of having an elderly person at home?
2. Is there anything that older people should learn from the younger generation?
3. What can the younger generation learn from the older generation?
4. What qualities does a person need to take care of older people?
5. Do you think elderly people should be allowed to work?

Arts and Crafts

1. Why do people undervalue art?
2. Are artistic skills innate?
3. Should cities have more art in public spaces?
4. Why do people admire art and artists so much?
5. What is the difference between good and bad art?

Truth in Crime

1. Why do witnesses of crimes sometimes disagree in their accounts?
2. How can modern technology help solve crimes?
3. Will teaching children to be honest reduce crime in the future?
4. Should there be more severe penalties for crimes like libel?
5. How will the detection of lies change in the future?

Talkative Children

1. Do think being talkative is a good quality for children?
2. Is it good for children to talk a lot in every situation?
3. Why do children talk so much?
4. What makes children talk less as they get older sometimes?
5. What can teachers do to encourage children to talk more?

Intelligence

1. Do people with high IQs tend to be selfish?
2. Can computers improve your intelligence?
3. What is the difference between intelligence and knowledge?
4. How much can intelligence change during a lifetime and how much of it is fixed?
5. Has technology made people less intelligent?

Difficult Jobs

1. Why do some people see their jobs as very difficult?
2. Should jobs with high degrees of difficulty earn more money?
3. What determines the jobs that people choose?
4. Do companies do enough to train employees for difficult jobs?
5. What incentives can governments offer for those taking on difficult jobs?

Success

1. When a person is successful, are they also happy?
2. What is success?
3. Do relationships affect success?
4. Which is more important for success: opportunity or hard work?
5. What defines success for people in your country?

Classmates

1. Is it important for children in school to get along with their classmates?
2. What are the advantages of getting along well with others in school?
3. Should children be allowed to sit where they want in class?
4. How has technology changed the way that students interact with each other?
5. How important is it for children to learn about sharing?

Urban Planning

1. How important is urban planning for a city?
2. What are the possible drawbacks of not having a good plan?

3. How do cities in your country differ?
4. What effect do businesses have on urban planning?
5. How can people make their voices heard when it comes to urban planning?

Information

1. How did people find out information in the past?
2. How has that changed now?
3. Do people today rely too much on online information?
4. Can a personal diary be a reliable source of information?
5. How do historians verify the information they come across?

Shopping

1. Do people in your country shop at malls or street markets?
2. Is online shopping common?
3. Is it better to shop alone or with friends?
4. Why is online shopping becoming more popular?
5. Is shopping a waste of time?

Teenagers

1. Is the behaviour of teenagers today better than when you were a teenager?
2. When should teenagers start to take on more responsibilities?
3. What kinds of responsibilities?
4. How have attitudes towards teenagers changed in recent years?
5. What can parents do if teenagers are unwilling to take on more responsibility?

Laughing

1. What is the importance of laughing?
2. What is the difference between the laughing of children and adults?
3. Why do children laugh more easily than adults?
4. How does it impact students if their teacher is funny?
5. Is it possible to enjoy comedy from foreign countries?

Business

1. Do most people in your country work for small or large businesses?
2. What kind of businesses need the most help?
3. Should the government help businesses or leave them alone?
4. How important is regulation of large businesses?
5. What rights to large companies have?

Decisions

1. What sort of important decisions do teenagers face today?
2. What are the difficult decisions that national leaders face?
3. How can they make these decisions?
4. Who should be considered when taking an important decision?
5. Is it better to take your time or make a quick decision?

Websites

1. What internet sites do people in your country use for entertainment?
2. Why is more and more news now published on social media websites?
3. What can we do to stop the spread of unreliable news?
4. How have websites changed in the last decade?
5. Should there be tighter regulation on websites?

Online Information

1. Is online information reliable?
2. Do you think there is too much information online?
3. How can people consume online news responsibly?
4. Is the information provided on television useful?
5. What's the difference between news in newspapers and online news?

Time Management

1. How can people manage their time better now compared to the past?
2. What are the differences in what people do with their time now?
3. How has technology helped people to save time?
4. What are the qualities of a person with good time management?
5. Will people have more free time in the future?

Sport

1. Which sports are popular in your country?
2. How can amateurs be attracted to participate in sports?
3. What are the benefits of doing sport?
4. How does loyalty help a sport become popular?
5. What makes a sport popular?

Holidays

1. Where do most people in your country go for holidays?
2. Why do some people prefer to spend their holidays at home?

3. Do you think young people benefit from having a gap-year before university?
4. How does tourism for holidays affect your country?
5. What benefits does it have?

Losing Things

1. Why do people lose things?
2. Which things do people usually lose?
3. What should parents do when children bring home something they found?
4. How can people better remember things?
5. How important is memory?

Reading

1. Do people in your country read a lot?
2. Will reading still be a popular hobby in the future?
3. Do children read a lot these days?
4. Is developing a love of reading the responsibility of parents?
5. How can governments encourage people to read more?

Beauty

1. What is beauty for you?
2. Do you think the media influences our idea of beauty?
3. Do you think advertisements portrayal of beauty is correct?
4. How has people's idea of beauty changed over the last few decades?
5. Do you think beauty only relates to a person's appearance?

Fashion

1. Why are designer brand clothes popular?
2. Why are these brands so expensive?
3. How has fashion changed in your country?
4. Is it important for designers to stay up to date with the latest fashions?
5. Is fashion more important than adapting your clothes to the weather?

Repairs

1. Why do things break?
2. Is it worth repairing something instead of buying a new one?
3. Should we teach kids to repair things?
4. Does the government have a responsibility to fix certain things?
5. How well do people in your country take care of public facilities?

International Events/Parties

1. What sort of international events does your country host?
2. Do you think these types of events divide people?
3. Why are these events celebrated?
4. What activities are common for these celebrations?
5. Are there many events that are celebrated across national borders?

Social Websites

1. Do you often use social websites?
2. Why do you use social websites?
3. Do people spend too much time on social websites?
4. Would you like to spend more time on these websites?

Borrowing and Lending

1. Have you ever borrowed a book from someone else?
2. Do you like to lend to others?
3. Would you ever lend a friend money?
4. Would you lend someone your phone to make a phone call?

Places to Play

1. Where did you play when you were a child?
2. Did you often play at a friend's home?
3. Did you prefer playing inside or outside when you were younger?
4. Do you think it's important for children to play outside?

Money and Gifts

1. Is money a good gift?
2. What is the difference between buying with cash and a credit card?
3. What are the advantages of buying with cash?
4. Should people include receipts when they give gifts?
5. Is it common to return gifts in your country?

Bad Service

1. Why do some people not complain about bad service?
2. What should people do if they receive bad service?
3. How can companies deal with bad service?
4. Can bad service ever be a positive experience?
5. What organisations are famous for bad service in your country?

Public Facilities

1. Are there many public facilities in your country?
2. What are the benefits of parks?
3. Should parks be free of charge?
4. How can parks better serve the poor?
5. How important is it to have parks in urban areas?

Parties

1. Which types of parties are popular in your country?
2. Is it true that everybody likes parties?
3. Do you prefer receiving emails or birthday cards on your birthday?
4. How does alcohol affect the atmosphere of a party?
5. Is music important to a party?

Quiet Places

1. Why do old people prefer quiet places?
2. What are the main causes of noise in cities?
3. Why are suburbs quieter?
4. Why might some people not enjoy quiet places?
5. Will cities be noisier in the future?

Communication

1. How important is communication in the workplace?
2. How does that differ from communication at home?
3. What different types of communication are there?
4. How have mobile phones changed the way we communicate?
5. What is the future of communication?

Countryside

1. Why is the country quieter than the city?
2. Why do many people prefer to live in the countryside?
3. Where are the quietest places in cities?
4. What will the countryside look like in your country in the future?
5. Are there any drawbacks to investing in public transport in the countryside?

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